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# Richmond, Indiana



## *Citizen's Advisory Council* COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

August 27, 2009  
Municipal Building  
3rd Floor 7 pm

# INVITATION

The City of Richmond's Plan Commission will hear recommended amendments by the Citizen's Advisory Council and recognize their efforts. Enclosed are featured sections of the council and their active projects and priorities. Please join us, as this open house is open to the public.

DAVENPORT BLUES  
(Belderbecke)  
& His Rhythm Jugglers

DIVISION OF

# Citizen's Advisory Council

The committee is composed of City Metropolitan Development staff, and various volunteers from the community. The volunteers are team leaders for each component of the Comprehensive Plan adopted by Common Council in 2006. Each volunteer, with the help of citizens on their team, has endeavored to implement the goals and projects featured below.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Karen Montgomery *CAC Chair*

George Sowers *CAC Vice Chair*

Mayor Sally Hutton *Ex-Officio Member*

Tony Foster *Metropolitan Development, Executive Director*

Scott Zimmerman *City Planner*

Sharon Palmer *Community Development Specialist*

Sarah Mitchell *Planning Technician*



Karen Montgomery, has filled the role of chair; filling the big shoes of Len Clark, a past Plan Commission President, who helped develop and adopt Richmond's new Comprehensive Plan.

Karen has led the new Citizen's Advisory Council which replaced the Implementation Steering Committee. She has led this group in addition to the community's efforts to put the Comprehensive Plan into practice. She has worked with others to develop a way to change the plan as needed, as we strive to use it as a guide for our community's development.

**KAREN  
MONTGOMERY  
CHAIR**

George M. Sowers is a Richmond attorney whose clients include the Economic Development Corporation of Wayne County, Indiana. Adopting a new land use zoning ordinance is one of the largest goals he helps oversee on the Citizen's Advisory Council. The current code was adopted in 1968 and the comprehensive plan strongly recommends it be replaced. George supported the decision of the Metropolitan Development staff to create a Unified Development Ordinance to guide land use. The Ordinance is still in very early draft form, however, staff anticipates the ordinance will be adopted soon.



**GEORGE  
SOWERS  
VICE CHAIR**



### **Economic Development**

- Develop running list of top projects underway by EDC, Chamber, Tourism Bureau, etc.
- Facilitate co-operative planning by each of above organizations
- Encourage/promote job creation investment in the community

**BOB  
HANSEN**

### **Education**

- Starr Neighborhood Initiative
- Operation Graduation - Richmond Community Schools approach to increasing the graduation rate
- Enhancing 21st century workplace skills
- Engaging community participation in student learning



**KELLY  
BAUMGARTNER**



### **Parks & Recreation**

- Complete and adopt the Park Master Plan
- Establish a Friends of Richmond Parks Foundation
- Conduct a feasibility study of the best use(s) of Springwood Lake
- Begin neighborhood park improvements/upgrades at selected parks

**AVIS  
STEWART**

### **Community Services**

- Work with appropriate groups and persons to develop community services priority list
- Implement Wireless connection in the central business district
- Capital Improvements Plan




**PORTER  
MILER**

If you are interested in becoming involved in the planning process, please contact the Department of Metropolitan Development at (765) 983-7217



## Mission Statement




Mayor Sally Hutton has committed to, and nurtured, a comprehensive planning process that promises to be a continuing guide and inspiration to the community.

The Citizen's Advisory Committee for Comprehensive Planning keeps the Comprehensive Plan a living document.

The City of Richmond, through the Department of Metropolitan Development will provide services, and programs to preserve and enhance the economic sustainability and quality of life for its current and future residents. The City will continue to recognize the importance of local community planning with a framework of implementable land use strategies and development guidelines that will ensure a sustainable, built and natural environment. The City of Richmond will work closely with Wayne County jurisdictions and other agencies as identified in the comprehensive plan to optimize resources.

### **Government**

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- Co-ordinate review of each city office mission statement
  - Rewrite Zoning Code Chapter 154
  - Re-organize office framework for more public convenience

**TONY  
FOSTER**


### **Sustainability & Conservation**

- Increase recycling participation in Richmond
- Adopt and enforce sustainable land use policies
- Encourage policies that restrict confined animal feed operations within the 2-mile fringe
- The City of Richmond will implement policies to improve and promote a healthier environment
- Adopt Stronger Measures to improve the quality and control of storm water



**STEPHANIE  
HAYS-MUSSONI**

### **Land Use**

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- Adopt subdivision controls
  - Review annexation policies
  - Review land use developmental standards and regulations

**STEVE  
HIGINBOTHAM**


### **City Image & Identity**

- Facilitate community brand collaboration among EDC, Chamber, the City, other units
- Encourage further development on way finding system/directional signage
- Implement Wireless connection in downtown and depot district
- Establish new City website



**PHIL  
QUINN**

### **Youth Services**

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- Create partnership with "Operation Graduation"
  - Establish organizations and venues where our youth can stay involved with school activities in order to increase retention within the school system.
  - Encourage parent, volunteer, business and community involvement in education and schools.
  - Organize extra-curricular activity for youth

**VIVIAN  
ASHMAWI**


### **Central Business District**

- Collaborate with Main Street and the emerging new Uptown Organization
- Support the work of Arts Fusion and facilitate their co-operation with above organizations
- Implement Wireless connection in the central business district



**PETER  
ZALESKI**

### **Housing**

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- Create a framework where all housing information can be exchanged through one location
  - Encourage development of a Continuum of Care for housing supportive services
    - Continue efforts to enhance aesthetics of neighborhoods with historic preservation and conservation efforts along with rehabilitation, revitalization and infill of the City's urban neighborhoods.

**DARLENE  
MOEGERLE**

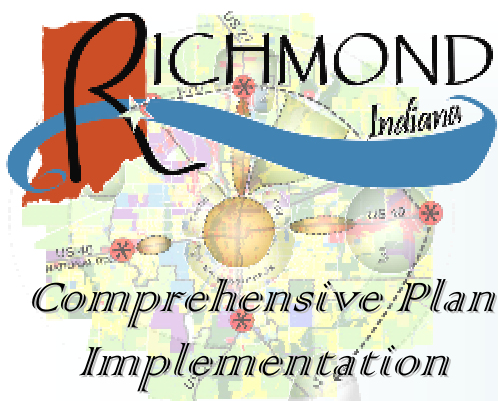
### **Transportation**

- Capital Improvements
  - Transportation Plan – replace 1991 plan
  - Upgrade current detour route RPD established
- Bike/ Pedestrian
  - Bike Racks on Buses- Installed by March
  - Bike Route Map
- Transit
  - Asset Management Plan
  - Bike Racks on buses- Installed by March
- Airport
  - Corporate hanger recommended



**LARRY  
RICHARDS**

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# Comprehensive Plan Amendments

**Please join us!**  
**August 27th**  
**7:00 pm**

**Council Chambers (3rd Floor)**  
**City Municipal Building**  
**50 North 5th Street**  
**Richmond, IN 47374**

## Our Comprehensive Plan as a Living Document

### Background

Indiana requires cities to develop a comprehensive plan each ten years, if they wish to be considered for project grant support from the state. The idea is to force communities to think through their overall priorities before launching specific projects, so that their activities have coherence and direction. Unfortunately, the plans are often largely ignored once they have been developed. After she oversaw the completion of the latest plan, Mayor Sally Hutton authorized a Committee, to develop a way to make the plan practical.

### Success

The Citizen's Advisory Council has worked with community groups and agencies to formulate and work on Active Projects that seem at this time to be the best specific ways to implement the plan. This committee and these groups have made substantial progress on a number of these projects, and have also found that some elements of the original plan should be revised and updated. The structure for implementing the plan and also for revising it, as needed, has been tested and everyone involved is encouraged by the results.

### Future

Encouraged by the success of these early efforts, Mayor Hutton created the Citizens' Advisory Council for Comprehensive Planning, which has oversight of plan implementation efforts, and will also suggest plan revisions as needed.

**For more information about the Comprehensive Plan and how to become involved;  
please visit the City of Richmond's website at [www.richmondindiana.gov](http://www.richmondindiana.gov)**